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TAGS: CASC, MX

SUBJECT: PRISONER TRANSFER

1. ALL POSTS: PRISONER TRANSFER TREATY LEGISLATION HAS  
BEEN INTRODUCED IN HOUSE BY CONGRESSMAN RODINO AND  
CAPTIONED H.R. 7148. IT IS REFERRED TO JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE. WE HAVE HAD PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH  
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COMMITTEE STAFF. WHILE STAFF NOT UNSYMPATHETIC THEY  
HAVE MANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS NOT WITHIN EXPERTISE OF  
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. SOME OF THEIR QUESTIONS  
ARE REFLECTED BELOW. THEY ALSO HAVE OTHER SUBJECTS  
CALLING FOR ATTENTION. THUS, IT IS HARD TO ESTIMATE  
TIMING OF THEIR HEARINGS WHICH PLAINLY WILL FOLLOW  
FOREIGN RELATIONS.

2. ALL POSTS: WE HAVE BEEN ASKED WHETHER THERE ARE ANY PRISONERS WHO ARE: (1) HOSPITALIZED AS INSANE; (2) ARE UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE; AND (3) HELD IN ANY FORM OF CIVIL COMMITMENT AS ADDICTS. PLS ADVISE IF YOU ARE AWARE OF SUCH CASES.

3. MEXICO CITY: WE HAVE BEEN ASKED AS TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES' ATTITUDE TOWARDS PRISONERS LIABLE FOR FINES OR REPARATIONS AWARDED IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. OUR

RECOLLECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IS THAT THEY WILL REMIT FINES AND TRANSFER SUCH PRISONERS, BUT THAT REPARATIONS MUST BE SETTLED BEFORE TRANSFER. PLS ADVISE IF THIS CORRESPONDS MACANINCH, GAITHER, STARR RECOLLECTIONS.

4. TIJUANA AND CIUDAD JUAREZ: MEXICAN AUTHORITIES SUGGEST USE OF THESE POINTS TO CONCENTRATE WITH MEXICO PRISONERS FOR TRANSFER PROCESSING. REST WILL GO TO MEXICO CITY. WILL POSTS ADVISE SUITABILITY OF FACILITIES, BOTH PRISONS AND ROOMS FOR HOLDING HEARINGS, AT THESE POINTS?

5. MEXICO CITY: IF OFFICIAL CITATIONS FOR MEXICAN SENATE ACTION ON TREATY AND PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL AS AUTHORITY ARE AVAILABLE, PLS POUCH.

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6. MEXICO CITY: QUESTIONS ARE RAISED AS TO ALLEGATIONS THAT AMERICANS ARE COMPELLED TO SIGN CONFESSIONS IN SPANISH, DESPITE THEIR IGNORANCE OF LANGUAGE. PLS ADVISE FREQUENCY OF THIS PRACTICE IN YOUR EXPERIENCE AND ANY CIRCUMSTANCES SERVING TO RATIONALIZE IT. VANCE

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